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Apprenticeships

Do you want to earn and learn?

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What is an Apprenticeship?

- Combine real work with learning and training
- Nationally recognised training programmes
- Gain qualifications, skills and experience
- Earn a wage and get employee benefits
- Anyone over the age of 16 and not in full time education can apply

Three Key Elements of an Apprenticeship:

1. Yourself as the learner – the Apprentice – choosing the vocational area you want to pursue in an Apprenticeship
2. The provider of education and training- colleges or other Apprenticeship training providers who can provide the required education and training
3. The employer who will offer the job and will be employing you as their Apprentice

What are the benefits?

- Get trained – with no student debt!
- A real wage – minimum salary from August 2009 is £95 per week
- Paid holidays
- Job specific skills
- Get experience as well as qualifications
- Employers value Apprenticeships
- Can progress into Higher Education via Foundation Degree

What can you do?

- There are now over 180 career choices
- Employers range from large national companies like Sainsburys and Orange to smaller local companies
- Areas include:
 - Business, administration and the law
 - ICT
 - Art, media and publishing
 - Leisure, travel and tourism
 - Engineering and manufacturing
 - Health, public services and care



Young apprentices

Daniel Shannon is a script supervisor who works on Emmerdale at Yorkshire TV. Daniel took an apprenticeship route into television through the PATH training scheme. Daniel says:



“I’ve learnt more working directly than I would’ve done coming in from university.”



Oz Osaman works as a social worker assistant. Although he completed a degree in computer science, his volunteer work in adult education and community care led him to a new career. He is now training to become a fully qualified social worker.

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Angela Power is an apprentice Carpenter and Joiner. She wasn't sure what she wanted to do until she tried a taster course – now she loves her new career. Angela says:

“I think an apprenticeship is the best way to gain experience and knowledge in your chosen career, whatever it may be”

Paren Palmer took an apprenticeship in motor vehicle repair. He worked at a local garage and at Reg Vardy's bodyshop. As well as the technical and mechanical skills he learnt, Paren also gained others such as team working, problem solving and working on his own initiative.



Where can I find out more?

- You can telephone 08000 150 600
- Visit www.apprenticeships.org.uk
- Use the vacancy matching service.
 - To find out what's available in your area, visit the website and go to the vacancies box, then click the 'search for vacancies' link.